

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A nail clipper comprising  
a top elongated member having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side  
surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;  
a bottom elongated member having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side  
surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;  
a post having a first end coupled to extending from the top surface of the bottom  
elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof and a second end located at  
~~adjacent to and outwardly of a side surface of the top elongated member to~~ a point  
above the top surface of the top elongated member, the post being located adjacent to  
and outwardly of a side surface of the top elongated member;  
each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge  
disposed in opposing nail clipping relationship;  
a lever having a bottom surface coupled to the second end of the post at the point  
above the top surface of the top elongated member, the lever disposed and adapted to  
cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-cutting  
position; and  
a bumper disposed on the bottom surface of the bottom member, the bumper  
having an edge disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member,  
wherein the lever lacks a hole through which the post extends.

2 – 4 (Canceled).

5 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the bumper extends from about the proximal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

6 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 17, wherein said lever includes a thumb accepting depression.

7 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 6, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

8 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

9 – 15 (Canceled).

16 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are interconnected.

17 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are not interconnected.

18 – 19 (Canceled).

20 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 22, wherein the bumper extends from about the distal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

21. (Canceled).

22 (Currently amended) A nail clipper comprising a top elongated members having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;

a bottom elongated member having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;

the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members not being interconnected;

a post having a first end coupled to extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof, ~~abutting and interconnected to a side surface of the top elongated member to and a second end located at a point above the top surface of the top elongated member, the post abutting and interconnected to a side surface of the top elongated member;~~

each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge disposed in opposing nail clipping relationship, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to the central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members;

a lever having a bottom surface coupled to the second end of the post at the point above the top surface of the top elongated member, the lever disposed and adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-cutting position, the lever including a thumb accepting depression; and

a bumper disposed on the bottom surface of the bottom member, the bumper having an edge disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member, wherein the lever lacks a hole through which the post extends.